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1. DECEMBER 19 CONVERSATION WITH ROBERT MORRIS, DIRECTOR OF EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY MARINE FISHERIES RESEARCH ORGANIZATION (EAMFRO), CONFIRMED OUR EARLIER IMPRESSION THAT UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND'S INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR MARINE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (ICMRD) HAS MOVED AHEAD JOINTLY WITH GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA AND UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM IN PLANNING FORTH-COMING WORKSHOP (ENTITLED "CONFERENCE ON MARINE RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT IN EASTERN AFRICA") WITHOUT ANY OVERTURE OR INVITATION TO EAMFRO. CONFERENCE IN TURN IS GEARED TO CREATION OF "INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCES" OF UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM. MORRIS AND OTHERS IN EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY HAVE LEARNED OF CONFERENCE ONLY INDIRECTLY AND NEITHER CENTRAL EAC OFFICIALS NOR EAMFRO HAVE BEEN INVITED. MORRIS FURTHER NOTED THAT THE FISHERIES DIVISION OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION, A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR IN THE FIELD, HAS ALSO BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXCLUDED BUT THAT FAO OFFICIALS HAVE ACTIVELY SOUGHT AND MAY

RECEIVE INVITATIONS. MORRIS ALSO STATED THAT EAMFRO REPRESENTATIVES WOULD CERTAINLY ATTEND CONFERENCE AND RELATED FUNCTIONS IF INVITED.

- 2. MORRIS HAS ALSO LEARNED, AGAIN INDIRECTLY AND INFORMALLY, THAT WORKSHOP SCHEDULED IN DAR RS SALAAM FOR JANUARY 7-11 HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AND PROBABLY WILL NOT TAKE PLACE BEFORE MARCH.
- 3. TODAY'S MEETING PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW ICMRD'S 1972-73 ANNUAL REPORT, WHICH CONFIRMS THAT THE CENTER WAS FOUNDED IN 1969 WITH THE HELP OF A 211(D) GRANT FROM USAID. IN SECTION VI (PROGRAM FOR THE FUTURE) REPORT EXPRESSES HOPE THAT THE "UNIVERSITY'S PRESENT 211(D) SUPPORT WILL CONTINUE THROUGH A RENEWAL GRANT AND WITH GROWING PROJECT SUPPORT FROM AID, SUPPLEMENTED LATER BY AN INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

DIMENSION OF THE NATION SEA GRANT PROGRAM, NOW RECEIVING CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS..."

4. IN VIEW OF USG POLICY OF SEEKING TO SUPPORT AND DEVELOP COMMUNITY'S CAPABILITY TO DEAL WITH REGIONAL PROBLEMS (OF WHICH MARINE STUDIES AND OCEANOGRAPHY CLEARLY A PRIME EXAMPLE) I THINK THERE IS LEGITIMATE BASIS FOR CONCERN ABOUT ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS NEW PROGRAM, LARGELY IF NOT SOLELY RESTRICTED TO THE UNIVERSITIES OF RHODE ISLAND AND DAR ES SALAAM AND TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT, ON WHAT SEEMS A SOMEWHAT DUPLICATIVE AND PERHAPS UNNECESSARILY COMPETITIVE BASIS, WITH INDIRECT USAID ASSISTANCE. EVEN LEAVING ASIDE MORRIS' CONTENTIONS (WHICH I CANNOT EVALUATE) THAT ICMRD INITIATIVE IS HASTILY-CONCEIVED EFFORT BY PROFESSION-ALLY SECOND-RATE ORGANIZATION. IT SEEMS FROM HERE THAT EAMFRO'S EXISTING CAPABILITIES AND INSTITUTIONAL LINKS (THE COMMUNITY PLUS WOODS HOLE, UNESCO, AND FAO) QUALIFY IT FOR AN IMPORTANT IF NOT CENTRAL ROLE IN REGIONAL MARINE STUDIES RESEARCH. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT SETTING UP OF A SEPARATE RESEARCH FACILITY COULD HAVE EFFECT OF SPLITTING TANZANIA OFF FROM COMMUNITY'S EFFORTS IN THIS IMPORTANT AND UNDER-RESEARCHED AREA. FINALLY, SINCE EAMFRO IS THE ONLY COMMUNITY PRESENCE ON ZANZIBAR, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEPARATE FACILITY ON THE MAINLAND COULD TEND TO WEAKEN ONE MORE LINK BETWEEN ZANZIBAR AND MAINLAND.

5. GIVEN APPARENT DELAY IN CONFERENCE, CONSULATE HOPES THAT DECEMBER 17 LETTER PLUS ADDITIONAL TIME NOW AVAILABLE WILL MAKE EAMFRO PARTICIPATION POSSIBLE. HOPE TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER IN GREATER DETAIL WHEN NEXT IN DAR.

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